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I need to explain to you why this is. At a recent dinner, Senator Beutler alleged that Mettler's Bakery was in his district, and I got up and I said that Mettler's Bakery was in my district. So several days later up here on the floor in front of one of the newspaper reporters, Senator Beutler and I made an agreement that whoever was right, the other person had to furnish doughnuts for the whole body. So this is my way of saying Senator Beutler was right and I was wrong. But...but the upshot of it is he better be watching every minute during redistricting because Mettler's Bakery is going to be back in the bosom of the 27th Legislative District before this is all over. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. We're glad for the mistake. On to Select File, Mr. Clerk, first agenda item?

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 400 on Select File. No E & R's. I do have other amendments, Senator. Senator Smith has the first amendment, Mr. President. Senator Smith, AM0503. (Legislative Journal page 688.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. Members, I merely put up this amendment to put forward an alternative to the bill itself. It uses some of, I think, the positive points of the bill in terms of the tiered factors of the bill that I think the public can use in a positive manner, and then change the mandate into a mere disclosure for the public so that members of the public can know, and they have that right to know, the training that is contained in the staff of the respective child-care centers. And, with that, I will leave it open for discussion.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the opening on AM0503 to LB 400. Senator Brown, on that amendment.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members, the crux of this is that we would eliminate additional hours, what Senator Smith calls a mandate. And I wondered...I am...right now I am having Research get together a list of all of the statutory references to training for various professions, but I suppose that if we